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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING FOR
OCTOBER 29, 1976:

Q. IS THERE A SEPARATE INVESTIGATION INVOLVING THE STATE
DEPARTMENT INTO THE POSSIBLE HARASSMENT OF KOREANS IN THE
UNITED STATES BY KOREAN INTELLIGENCE AGENTS? AND, OF
COURSE, THAT MEANS SEPARATE FROM AN INFLUENCE PEDDLING OR
WHATEVER IN THE INVESTIGATION.

A. YES. THE STATE DEPARTMENT DID HAVE INFORMATION OF
REPORTS OF SUCH HARASSMENT, AND WE IMMEDIATELY TURNED IT
OVER TO THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT; AND THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT
IS INVESTIGATING THOSE CHARGES.

Q. WHAT COUNTRIES ARE INVOLVED IN THAT?

Q. WELL, MY FIRST QUESTION WAS KOREA.

A. THE QUESTION WAS KOREA.

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Q. ALL RIGHT. IS IT BROADER THAN THAT -- AS THIS
MORNING NEWSPAPER SAYS -- AND INVOLVES POSSIBLY IRAN,
CHILE, AND TAIWAN.

A. I HAVE NOTHING BEYOND WHAT WE HAVE SAID ON KOREA AND
WHAT WE SAID ON IRAN YESTERDAY. I DO NOT KNOW ANYTHING
BEYOND THOSE.

Q. WELL, YOU DO KNOW ABOUT IRAN.

A. I ALREADY SAID THAT.

Q. -- YESTERDAY YOU SAID, IN CONNECTION WITH IRAN, THAT YOU HAD ASKED THE IRAN EMBASSY FOR A STATEMENT.

A. NO, I DID NOT SAY THAT. I SAID WE WERE MAKING INQUIRIES.

Q. I KNOW WE'RE MAKING INQUIRIES; BUT, --

A. I DIDN'T SAY WITH WHOM OR TO WHOM.

Q. I THOUGHT YOU SAID OF THE EMBASSY.

A. NO, I DID NOT.

Q. YOU SAID THAT AN INQUIRY HAD BEEN MADE AND THAT THE INFORMATION WAS BEING ASSESSED.

A. THAT IS RIGHT, BUT I DID NOT INDICATE ANY DETAILS OF THE INQUIRY --

Q. N; THAT IS TRUE. WELL --

A. -- AND I AM NOT ABLE TO GO BEYOND THAT.

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